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## **BLM Fourth Annual Open House Wildland Firefighter Recruitment**

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is looking for physically fit, innovative individuals interested in becoming seasonal wildland firefighters. Potential recruits will gain valuable information on wildland firefighting careers during the annual open house held at the BLM Bakersfield Field Office on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BLM firefighters and supervisors will be on site to answer questions along with crew presentations and videos. We will assist with hiring applications, have informational displays, and explain how front line Hot Shot Crews, Helicopter Rappel Crews, Engine Crews, and Heavy Equipment Operators get the job done. If you are interested in getting started as a wildland firefighter, this open house is for you!

Wildland firefighting is a tough and sometimes dangerous job, yet it is challenging and exciting with an outstanding opportunity to travel to awe-inspiring destinations. To qualify you must be a U.S. citizen at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma and a valid California driver's license.

Enjoy a free BBQ with refreshments and a free drawing with special prizes. Children are welcome. Bring the entire family for a day of fun. Meet Smokey Bear and his firefighting family. Join us on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the BLM-Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive. See you there!!

For more information, call Debbie Santiago at 661-391-6097.